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**AMENDMENT**

SIR:

This paper addresses the Office Action dated April 28, 2003. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the amendments and remarks below.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please add without prejudice new claim 17 as follows.

*Sub CD*  
17. (New) The arrangement according to claim 9, wherein the at least one operating unit includes a plurality of operating elements.

**REMARKS**

After this amendment adds new claim 17, claims 9-14 and 17 are now pending in the present application. Claims 9-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). It is respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are allowable and reconsideration of the present application is requested for at least the following reasons.

Claims 9-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over United States Patent No. 5,838,074 to Loeffler et al. (the Loeffler reference) in view of United States Patent No. 5,774,060 to Ostermann et al. (the Ostermann reference). Applicant respectfully disagrees.